GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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BREAST FEEDING
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a recent research study conducted in Scotland has proved that breast-fed infants are less likely to become obese than formula-food-fed infants;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps which are being taken by the Government to popularise breast-feeding in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government are aware of the research study. Steps are being undertaken to popularize exclusive Breastfeeding up to six months of age. These include training of paramedical and medical staff in all aspects of infant nutrition including Breastfeeding; Information, Education and communication activities for popularizing exclusive breastfeeding and implementation of Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infants Foods, (Regulation of Production, supply and Distribution) Act 1992.